

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COURT REPORTING

Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association (**PCRA**)
500 Commonwealth Drive
Warrendale, PA 15086-7513
(800) 349-2177
www.pcra.com

If you would like to schedule a court reporter to attend your school's career day or to obtain more information about court reporting as a career, please contact PCRA's headquarters (800-349-2177) or one of our Education Committee co-chairs.

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National Court Reporters Association (**NCRA**)
8224 Old Courthouse Road
Vienna, VA 22182-3808
(800) 272-6272
www.ncraonline.com

You or your students can visit NCRA's informational website about court reporting as a career at: www.bestfuture.com.

COURT REPORTING PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Cambria County Area Community College
Contact: Jan Garrett
CCACC-North
Suite 300
Ben Franklin Highway
Ebensburg, PA 15931
(814) 472-2513

Orleans Technical Institute – Center City
Contact: Erin Finn
1845 Walnut Street
Seventh Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 854-1853

Community College of Allegheny County
Contact: Mary Beth Johnson
808 Ridge Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-237-2748

Luzerne County Community College
Contact: Kate Jenkins
1333 South Prospect Street
Nanticoke, PA 18634-3899
(570) 740-0200

Martin School of Business
Contact: Admissions
2417 Welsh Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114
(215) 677-6110

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COURT REPORTERS

A brief description of the job duties and salary ranges
for skilled machine shorthand writers

JUDICIAL REPORTING

OFFICIAL REPORTER Works as an employee of the government at a designated courthouse taking down testimony of all courtroom proceedings. Creates verbatim transcript of proceedings using computer-aided transcription. Compensation is generally comprised of a base salary plus a per-page fee for transcript pages produced. Benefits may be provided in accordance with similar employees within the jurisdiction (i.e., county, state, federal). *Pay range: \$22,000 - \$60,000 base salary, plus pages, plus benefits*

FREELANCE REPORTER Works independently or for a freelance agency. Job assignments can consist of any non-courtroom proceeding where a verbatim record is required, such as depositions, local municipal meetings, and public agency meetings. Compensation is generally a per-page fee for transcript pages produced. Benefits may or may not be provided in accordance with the practice of the individual freelance agency. *Pay range: up to \$125,000, depending on location, skill level, and number of pages taken.*

REALTIME CAPTIONING

CLOSED CAPTIONER Works for a company which provides closed captioning services to television networks and/or stations across the country. May work out of your home or the company's offices. The captioner prepares for a television program by reviewing the materials provided by the programmer for unique terminology, then listening to the program as it is being broadcast and writing, in broadcast realtime, a near-verbatim "caption" which runs instantaneously across the television screen for use by deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers. *Pay range: \$35,000 - \$75,000, plus benefits where provided.*

"CART" PROVIDER CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) providers perform realtime translation (instantly capturing the spoken word and translating it to the written word) which is viewed on a notebook computer or overhead projector for members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in all types of setting such as in the classroom, at public meetings, at religious services – anywhere a deaf person wishes to participate more fully in the hearing world. *Pay range: unknown at this time, since this is an emerging field. At least equal to other career options for court reporters.*

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WHO SHOULD YOU ENCOURAGE TO CONSIDER COURT REPORTING AS A CAREER?

- Both boys and girls
- Both academic and business students
- Students who excel in language skills
- Students who enjoy using cutting-edge technology in unique ways
- Students who enjoy working independently

WHY SHOULD YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO CONSIDER COURT REPORTING AS A CAREER?

- Demand is increasing at a rate faster than the supply
- Pay scales are highly competitive
- The skill is transferable to several different settings:
 - ✓ Judicial reporting
 - ✓ Closed captioning
 - ✓ Realtiming for groups or individuals
- The skill is transferable to any part of the country
- 100 percent job placement

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